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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON THE HORN OF AFRICA

REF: (A) KUWAIT 0989, (B) STATE 42000, (C) STATE 41087.

1. I BRIEFED BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS FEB. 19
ON GENERAL LINES OF MY DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY

UNDERSECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID ON SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN
CONFLICT (REF. A).

2. UK AMBASSADOR JOHN CAMBRIDGE HAD JUST RECEIVED
(FEB. 19) FCO MESSAGES WHICH PROVIDED SIMILAR INFO TO
THAT IN REF. B (A LITTLE LESS DETAIL) AS WELL AS
AN ADDITIONAL MESSAGE INSTRUCTING HIM TO MAKE AN APPROACH
TO THE KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE SUBJECT.

3. LATTER MESSAGE POINTED TO INDICATIONS OF POSITIVE
REACTION TO A SECURITY COUNCIL APPROACH ON PART OF
INDIAN AND KUWAITI UN DELEGATIONS. CAMBRIDGE WAS
INSTRUCTED TO SPEAK TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH AIM OF
PERSUADING KUWAITIS TO URGE THREE AFRICAN SC MEMBERS
TO SUPPORT DEBATE ON OGADEN CONFLICT IN SC. SHOULD
AFRICAN SUPPORT NOT BE FORTHCOMING, BRITISH AMBASSADOR
WAS TO REQUEST THAT KUWAITIS BACK WESTERN ACTION TO
BRING THIS MATTER INTO SC.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ATTENDING REGULAR SUNDAY COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS MEETING AND UNDERSECRETARY AL-RASHID WAS
NOT AVAILABLE AS OF LATE MORNING FEB. 19, SO THAT
BRITISH AMBASSADOR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS PITCH UNTIL
FEB. 21 (FEB. 20 BEING ALSO LOCAL HOLIDAY--PROPHET'S
BIRTHDAY).

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